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POOL ALLEY IS TROMPHANT.

THE BETTING LAW IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

TEXAS TOM WALSH GOES FREE.

No Law Remains to Restrain Gam- bling on Horse Races in St. Louis-Winter Tracks to Close.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 15.-The Supreme Court today rendered a decision in the case of the State vs. Thomas Walsh. Walsh was sentenced in Judge Murphy's court to pay a fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment in the City Work-house for six months. The act on which this information is based is the following:

"An act to prohibit bookmaking and pool-selling at any place other than upon the premises of regular race-courses, with emergency clause."

The court says in its opinion: "The paramount issue presented by this cause may be taken the form of the question, 'Is the act just quoted constitutional?' The court takes it that it is a class law or a law making provisions for two classes, for by the act of 1895 it discriminates between that portion or class of bookmakers who assemble on the premises or within the limits or enclosure of a regular race course and renders the member of that portion immune from punishment, while another portion of the same 'genus' bookmaker or pool-seller or bet manager who pursues his avocation outside or immediately outside of the sacred precincts of a 'regular race course,' is doomed for doing the same things to fine or imprisonment or both."

Judge Sherwood, who delivered the opinion, concludes with the following: "Inasmuch as defendant has been convicted under the provisions of an unconstitutional law, I reverse the judgment and order his discharge." All concur.

Tom Walsh was the most popular gambler in town this morning when it became known among the betting fraternity that he had won his case before the Supreme Court, and was no longer in danger of being locked up in the Work House for six months to come. The decision was looked upon by the pool room people as a clear victory for them, and many predicted that there would be half a dozen rooms in operation by to-morrow afternoon in time to take bets on the New Orleans and San Francisco races. Gamblers are a superstitious lot, as a rule, and pointed to the fact that a horse named Nicolini ran at New Orleans yesterday. It was a bet on Nicolini last January that formed the foundation of the case against Walsh.

Walsh was in consultation with his attorney, Tom Rowe, as soon as he could find him, for the purpose of deciding whether or no he could safely venture to defy the law and go ahead with his pool-selling or telegraph business, as it is termed.

Attorney Rowe did not, when seen, know upon what points the case had been decided, and was somewhat reserved about expressing himself. He said:

"I do not know upon what issues the ruling was made. We had some sixteen or more exceptions filed beside the plea that the law was unconstitutional. If the decision is on the latter point, there can be no question as to what will be the result. The pool room will be thrown wide open and betting on all races will be allowed."

"If the decision has been rendered because of insufficiency of evidence or some point of that kind, it does not decide the matter as to the operation of the law itself."

At Spink of the South Side track says that it will simply knock the winter tracks clear out. "A pool room gets more money in one day than a winter track does in a year, so that there can be no question as to the result."

"The decision shows, however, that it is almost impossible to make a case so that the pool-room people are going to take the chance of getting through the courts just as Walsh did. To my mind it just decides the pool-rooms and kills off the racing in St. Louis."

Mr. Spink feels very confident that his track and that of Chris Von der Aa will be closed up for good and all by the decision. It may be a benefit in one way, but it is doubtful if the new evil will not be greater than the old. A transition from the outlying race track, where but few people go, to the downtown pool-rooms, where every one who wants to can go, does not look like an unlimited blessing to the community. Tom Walsh has not decided what he will do, but the probability is largely in favor of his going into business again as soon as he can get his contrivances together and find a room to set them up in.

Now that the decision has been rendered in his favor he says that he has always felt confident that it would go as it did and that he never felt any uneasiness over the result. This being the case it is reasonable to expect that his plans for reopening are practically perfected and all he has to do is waiting for a positive assurance from Jefferson City before going ahead with his telegraph business to Crow & Co. of Louisville, Ky.

EMPLOYEES TAKE STOCK.

The Illinois Central Trying the Co- Operative Plan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.-Illinois Central Railroad officials have before them the applications of 1,500 employees of that road who desire to purchase the company's stock. These applications are coming in at the rate of between 50 and 60 a month and indicate a strong desire on the part of the working force of the road to be in full harmony with the Executive Departments.

THE CLARKES PARDONED.

Were in the Pen for a Crime They Never Committed.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 15.-Gov. Richards has granted a free pardon to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, serving seventeen year terms each in the penitentiary at Deer Lodge for the murder of John P. Stewart by poisoning.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

A Prominent Philadelphia Contractor Used Knife and Poison.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 15.-Henry Van Brunt, a dealer in sand, general contractor and President of the Home Measure Company, attempted suicide by taking laudanum and subsequently gashing his throat with a razor. He was taken to the hospital and is now in a critical condition.

SEEKING DIVORCE.

A Prominent Georgian Files Suit at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.-Col. D. B. Dyer, President of the Street Railway Company of Augusta, Ga., and who was prominently identified with the Atlanta Exposition, has begun an action in the courts here to secure a divorce from his wife, Ada M., who is still living in Georgia. The statutory grounds are urged.

SPANISH PRETENDER.

No Truth in the Story That Don Carlos Will Abdicates.

MADRID, Dec. 15.-The report that Don Carlos, the pretender to the Spanish throne, intended to abdicate his claims in favor of Don Jaime, his son, which this time originated in a dispatch to the Imperial from Rome, is without foundation in fact.

Fraud Order Issued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-The Postmaster General has issued a fraud order against the Merchants' National Union of Chicago, a collection agency.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN WITH HIS "MUTTON CHOPS."

The famous pugilist, who never before wore any hair on his face, except a moustache, and never that when he had a fight on hand, is now adorned with side whiskers. His explanation of his reason for not wearing a full beard is that his nature wouldn't permit him to let the hair have its own way. Respectability, he says, is his aim now, and the "mutton chops" are expected to aid him in the attainment of his ambition in that line.

REVOLUTION AND MASSACRE.

MORE TIDINGS OF BLOOD FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILLA IS THREATENED.

One Hundred and Fifty Prisoners at Cavite Rebel and Are Shot Down.

MADRID, Dec. 15.-A dispatch received here from Singapore says that the natives of Mindano Island, one of the Philippine group, have revolted, and that many of the native troops are deserting to the insurgents.

It is further stated that the situation at Manila is full of anxiety. Bands of insurgents frequently approach that town at night time and fire volleys into the place.

A dispatch to the Imperial from Singapore admits that there has been a general massacre at Cavite, the fortified seaport town of the island of Luzon. One hundred and fifty prisoners revolted, killed six soldiers, seized arms and tried to raise the native inhabitants against the garrison.

The revolt, however, failed, the rebels were shot down in the streets and a general massacre followed during the night. Scores of corpses were picked up and many of the prisoners who were recaptured were shot the following morning.

MR. CAHN'S PICK-UP.

Unknown Parties Present Him a Box Containing \$500.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.-An unknown boy rang the door bell at Joseph Cahn's residence, No. 318 North Sixth street, Sunday night and handed Mr. Cahn a small box. Then the boy disappeared in the darkness and was joined at the gate by a man, who had not been seen before. Cahn opened the box and found that it contained \$500 in bills. The money was in an envelope and was wrapped in a newspaper. There was no explanation of it other than Cahn's name on the envelope. He has since been unable to solve the mystery, and no one has appeared to claim the money. Cahn is a retired manufacturer, and thinks the money was returned to him by some person who had swindled him years ago. He is certain that it was not given to him by mistake, as his name was on the box and envelope.

'POSSUM AND TATERS.

Newspaper Men Will Revel in Luxu- ries.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Dec. 15.-A supper will be given at the gymnasium to-night by ex-Mayor Thompson to the newspaper men of the city. The menu will be of the most luxurious, including oysters, baked sweet potatoes, corn pone, and a beverage that exhilarates.

GIVEN DAYS TO LEAVE.

Cattlemen's Ultimatum to a Colorado Sheep Owner.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Dec. 15.-The war between Colorado cattle men and Wyoming sheep men is again on. Cliff W. Edwards, principal sheep owner in the region, has received two letters from the cattlemen, giving him six days in which to remove his sheep from the disputed strip. Edwards says that as a taxpayer in Routt County, Colo., for twenty-two years, he proposes to make a stand, and refuses to be intimidated or driven from the range. Trouble is anticipated.



EUROPEAN TRAVELERS BY BOMBAY MAIL DISTRIBUTE BREAD TO STARVING PEASANTS IN INDIA.

Travelers through India come back with pitiful tales of the misery that has settled upon that famine-stricken country. In spite of millions of bushels of American grain sent there, prices have risen three or four hundred per cent. Crowds of half-starved natives, their bodies emaciated and often feeble with disease, their clothing in tatters, haunt the railway stations and public resorts. Tourists are deeply affected by the scenes of wretchedness and often buy all of the native bread and biscuit within reach and distribute it among the ravenous masses.

Most of the districts have established relief works, where grain is doled out to the starving. But the common working folk have long since exhausted their pittance in trying to battle hunger and high prices, and are becoming almost as troublesome as the professional beggars, who are breaking through all control. Charitable institutions and societies are striving to organize relief branches throughout their vicinage, but the ravages of the famine increase rather than diminish. Indian philanthropists are organizing a system of relief shops, in which the starving may get food and work. Their labors have been turned into the digging of wells that the parched fields may be brought into a condition for the growing of crops.

TWO HUNDRED EXTRA POLICE.

COMMISSIONER LEE WANTS THE FORCE INCREASED.

THERE IS TOO MUCH CRIME.

Will Present a Resolution for the Employment of 200 Specials to the Police Board.

The frequent hold-ups and burglaries have prompted Police Commissioner John A. Lee to take steps toward increasing the number of policemen in St. Louis.

"I have come to the conclusion that the present condition of criminality is almost entirely attributable to the inadequate number of our police force," said Police Commissioner Lee, "and I will to-day present to the Board of Police Commissioners a resolution providing for the employment of 200 emergency specials, to be continued in employment until crime is under better control."

"In order to do this an emergency will have to be declared and I think that conditions now existing fully warrant the declaration of an emergency. I cannot at present see any immediate prospect for the abatement of the outbreak of crime, and I feel that it would be very dangerous and disastrous to the peace of the city to reduce our force just now, which we will have to do unless an emergency is declared, because our appropriation will not permit us to carry them."

"I have investigated the matter carefully and find that the Board of Police Commissioners has the authority to declare an emergency and employ an additional number of men, and I believe that the Board will approve the resolution, though I do not know that it will."

FIRE AT A COLLEGE.

Einathan Hall of a Knoxville Institution Destroyed.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 15.-Einathan Hall of the Knoxville College, a four-story building for young ladies, was burned this morning. The fire originated in one of the bed rooms. The loss is estimated at \$25,000 and is supposed to have been insured. The college is under the care of the United Presbyterian Church of North America and is sustained by contributions from various congregations and the Board of Missions to the Freedmen.

WITNESSES SENTENCED.

Were Convicted of Perjury in the Pearl Bryan Case.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 15.-John Seward and William Trustees, witnesses in the Pearl Bryan murder case, who were convicted of false swearing, were to-day sentenced in Newport, Ky. Seward was given two years and Trustee one year in the Kentucky Penitentiary. They attempted to make the jury believe that Pearl Bryan was hanged on the Ohio side of the river and conveyed to Fort Thomas afterward.

BISHOP OF BUFFALO.

The Pope Has Approved the Selection of Dr. James F. Guigley.

ROME, Dec. 15.-The Pope has approved the selection of the Rev. James F. Guigley, D. D., as bishop of Buffalo, N. Y.

SHOT DEAD.

Ed Reed, Who Killed the Crittenden Brothers, and Was a Son of Belle Starr.

CLAREMORE, I. T., Dec. 15.-Ed Reed, who one year ago killed the two Crittenden brothers, outlaws, at Waggoner, was himself shot and killed here last night while creating a disturbance. Reed had been arrested earlier in the evening for firing several shots in a saloon, and was placed under bond for appearance later. After being released Reed returned to the saloon brandishing his revolver and was fired at by a Deputy Sheriff. One shot took effect in the neck and another just over the heart. Reed died early this morning. The dead man was a son of the notorious Belle Starr.

SHOT HIS FRIEND.

Morris Pope Out of Remorse Then Killed Himself.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 15.-During a family quarrel to-day Morris Pope shot John Kettler, fatally wounding him. When Pope saw his friend falling to the floor with a mortal wound in his head, he placed the revolver in his own mouth and blew a portion of his head off, dying almost instantly.

THE WEATHER FOR TO-DAY.



CLOUDY, TURNING FAIR.

The Weather Bureau forecasts are as follows:

For St. Louis and vicinity.-Partly cloudy Tuesday night; Wednesday fair, with rising temperature.
Missouri.-Partly cloudy Tuesday night and Wednesday; slight changes in temperature.
Illinois.-Cloudy, with slight changes in temperature Tuesday night and Wednesday.
The low area in the South has moved eastward to the South Atlantic coast, and has caused general rains from the East Gulf States to the Lower Lakes.
The barometer remains highest over North-eastern Lake Superior, and is also high in the West and Southwest.
Fair weather, with lower temperatures prevailing west of the Mississippi River. The temperatures have also fallen in the East and South, except in the Upper Ohio Valley.

THESE ROBBERS TAKE THE MEDAL.

LOOTED A TAILOR SHOP WITH- OUT NOISE.

THE POLICE WERE NEAR BY.

Neighbor of the Tailor Asked the Robbers Not to Make So Much Noise.

The robbery of A. Rich's tailor shop at 210 North Jefferson avenue at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning was the most daring the police have been told about.

Three men drove up in a one-horse wagon, broke open the front of the store, carried out \$300 worth of cloth and made up garments, loaded them in the wagon and drove off without being molested.

Next door to the tailor shop is a restaurant which was open at the time of the robbery. The restaurant people heard the noise as the thieves broke the door and saw the wagon in front, but they did not suspect a robbery.

The men were so noisy that the restaurant man went and remonstrated. He asked them not to make so much noise. One of the men replied:

"We know our business and are attending to it. We will be obliged to you if you will do the same."

After looting the store the robbers drove away with the plunder. They drove past four policemen who were within a block of the robbery.

When Mr. Rich arrived at his place of business he saw that he had been robbed, and told the police.

WILL NOT CONFIRM.

Forman, Lionberger and Other Gold Democrats Are to Be Turned Down.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.-It is said authoritatively that the Senate will refuse to confirm W. S. Forman as Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Isaac H. Lionberger as Assistant Attorney-General for the Interior Department, as well as every gold Democrat who left the party.

The Senate Committee on Judiciary will report Forman's nomination unfavorably. Senator Palmer said this afternoon that he thought he had secured enough Republican votes to confirm him in spite of the unfavorable report.

ALLISON'S CONDITION.

He Is Too Ill to Take His Seat in the Senate.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 15.-Senator Allison is still too sick to be interviewed. He is not able to sit up except for a short time. The report that he was offered the State Secretaryship is denied by his intimate friends. It will be some time before the Senator will be able to occupy his seat in the Senate.

SCOTT JACKSON'S CASE.

Attorneys Granted Thirty Days to Pet- ition for Rehearing.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 15.-The Court of Appeals today granted the attorneys for Scott Jackson thirty days in which to file a petition for a rehearing.

WITH SAD EYES AND PALE FACES.

CUSTOMERS GATHER ABOUT THE DOORS OF THE BANK.

PRICKETT & SON GO UNDER.

The Edwardsville Men Say They Have Not Failed and Will Pay De- positors Dollar for Dollar.

Groups of men with anxious faces and sleep-deeried eyes gathered about the principal corners of the pretty little town of Edwardsville, Ill., in the early dawn Tuesday.

Before sunrise farmers from the surrounding country drove into the public square from all directions.

There was but one topic of discussion. Only the day before the men assembled on this raw December morning had seen the doors of the principal bank of Edwardsville close and what was left of \$200,000 in cash deposits.

To many of them the closing of the bank had come as a crushing financial blow, all the more crushing because entirely unexpected.

A week ago the citizens of Edwardsville who would have predicted the failure of the banking house of J. A. Prickett & Son would have been regarded as an imbecile. There are many among the depositors who do not even now believe that the bank has failed.

The officials of the bank state emphatically that it has not and that the depositors will be paid dollar for dollar if they will wait until affairs can be straightened out. This statement is almost universally accepted as true. It is the expectation of the privations and heartaches that must be endured during that period of waiting that is causing most of the anguish among the men and women of the usually thriving little town.

In a place the size of Edwardsville the retirement of \$200,000 from actual or potential circulation is a serious blow, both to capital and labor. The statement that the money will be put in circulation again in time is reassuring in a way, but of no practical avail in relieving actual and pressing wants.

The faith of the community in the integrity of J. A. Prickett is still unshaken. His name has been a synonym for commercial honor in Edwardsville for nearly half a century. He has been Edwardsville's most solid citizen for forty years. He was the mayor of the city, and was actively identified with the city's interests up to three years ago, when ill health forced him to retire from the personal management of the bank.

He founded the bank in 1859. It was at that time a safe bank under a special charter, and operated under the name of the Farmers' Exchange and Loan Co. In 1861 J. A. Prickett took his two sons, Harry and Jule, into the firm as nominal partners, though they never had any interest in the bank.

Jule withdrew from the firm five years ago. Since then J. A. Prickett and his son, Harry, have been the only members of the firm. The bank prior to Monday's assignment had been in trouble only once. During the panic of 1873 payments were suspended for three days. The panic of 1893 was weathered successfully.

Since John A. Prickett practically retired three years ago, the bank's business had fallen off steadily despite the efforts of Harry Prickett to retain the business built up by his father.

The immediate cause of Monday's assignment was a steady and heavy withdrawal of deposits during the past month. Nearly \$20,000 was drawn out in thirty days. When it became evident that demands on the resources of the bank could not be promptly met if the withdrawals continued an assignment was decided upon. The decision was reached Sunday and the notice displayed on the closed doors of the bank Monday morning stated that J. A. Prickett & Sons had assigned to J. R. Travous and E. D. Gillespie. Travous is the bank's attorney and Gillespie the head bookkeeper.

The news of the failure spread rapidly and caused intense excitement. Men and women besieged the office of Assignee Travous in an effort to find out whether there was any possibility of getting their money. The first report that went forth was to the effect that the bank was insolvent. Most of those who called on Attorney Travous were under this impression. They were all informed that the bank had only made an assignment and that every cent of its indebtedness would be paid off dollar for dollar. All the bank people asked for was time to realize on their assets, which they valued at \$200,000. As the liabilities are only \$20,000 they believe that they will be able to meet all obligations.

The statement of the assignees reassured the depositors to a certain extent, though many of them are in no position to wait until a settlement can be arranged.

Among the first of the callers at the office of Assignee Travous was Mr. S. S. McCorkle, wife of a former well-known Edwardsville prospector.

Dr. McCorkle deposited nearly \$25,000 in the bank a year ago. His health failed some months ago and he went to Texas to recuperate, his wife and three children remaining in Edwardsville. Mrs. McCorkle has been residing here with her mother, and during her husband's absence she has been supporting her husband's monthly allowance and some money for the support of her husband and children. She found the doors closed. When she called on Mr. Travous at the hotel, she found the assignees there.

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EMPLOYMENT GROUPING.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

BOY—A strong boy wants to learn the housework trade; has had some experience. Ad. P. Schall, 3861 Locust st.

BOY—Wanted, a situation to learn the drug business; can give good reference; salary no object. Ad. G. 125, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Will do your office work conscientiously, thoroughly, cheap; service 12 to 5 hours daily; write shorthand. Ad. M. 134, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Good book-keeper and expert at figures; desires position; at present employed; but desires a change; A reference. Add. K. 187, this office.

BOOKKEEPER—Wanted, situation by competent bookkeeper; past, existing; make temporary or permanent engagement. Ad. T. 186, this office.

BOY—Wanted, situation by a boy of 18 as elevator boy. Ad. L. 172, this office.

BOY—Wants a situation to learn the drug business; good references; salary no object. Ad. M. 186, this office.

CASHIER—Wanted, position as cashier in restaurant; can furnish cash bond. Ad. S. 130, this office.

COOK—Wanted, situation by a good cook as cook in private family or boarding-house. 2019 Olive st.

COLLECTOR—Wanted, position as collector or bartender; can furnish cash bond; has experience in both. Ad. A. 1313 Elliot st.

DRUG CLERK—Wanted, position by a registered drug clerk; has had experience as clerk and also as a pharmacist. Ad. A. 171, this office.

DRIVER—Wanted, situation by a young married man as driver or porter; handy with tools. Ad. W. 186, this office.

DRIVER—Wanted, situation as delivery driver; well acquainted in city; references furnished. Ad. K. 187, this office.

DESIGNER—Wanted, position by experienced designer and draughtsman; good estimator and salesman; practical mechanic; also draftsman and store fixtures; interior finish, etc.; also has had experience as bench and also machine tool; references furnished. Ad. C. 137, this office.

FIREMAN—Wanted, situation as fireman; will give \$100 to any one getting me a place. Ad. G. 135, this office.

HOUSEMAN—Wanted, situation by a neat, first-class houseman; good reference. Address 1619 N. Leffingwell st.

JOURNALIST—Young and energetic, desires a position on some Western paper; can furnish first-class references. Ad. James A. Tarnport, Inc.

MAN—Wanted, situation to land horses for board; good references. Ad. P. 136, this office.

MAN—Young man, 24, married, wants situation of any kind; office work preferred; best refs. Ad. A. 214 S. 16th st.

MAN—Wanted, would like to have a place to work around house; \$2 per week. 3411 La Salle st.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a young man, Swede; will do any kind of work. 2206 Morgan st.

MAN—Wanted, situation to do light work of any kind by middle-aged man of good address. Call at 2132 Clark st.

MAN—Wants st. in care for horses, cows, gardens, furnaces, etc.; handy with tools; 7 years' city refs. Ad. G. 138, this office.

MAN—Young man of 24, who is well experienced in kinds of hotel work, wants a place; work of any kind. Ad. F. 188, this office.

MAN—A man held under secret power, hygienic or secret, this wishes light employment. Ad. W. 187, this office.

MAN—Wanted, to work around house for good money; furnace, etc.; wages no object. Ad. L. 154, this office.

MAN—Wanted, situation by a young man to do work of any kind. Ad. E. V. 417 S. 14th st.

OFFICE WORK—Wanted, situation to do office work by gentleman; Ad. L. 187, this office.

OFFICE MAN—Competent office man with 3 hours and evenings wants any respectable work. Ad. T. 186, this office.

PAPERHANGER—Paper-hanging to do; will paper your room, ceiling and walls with good paper for \$3.00. Chas. A. Price, No. 3711½ N. 25th st.

STENOGRAPHER—Young man, stenographer, understands bookkeeping and drafting; 6 years' experience; references furnished. 1708 N. 25th st.

TAILOR—Wanted, a position by a first-class tailor and cutter in country or city. Ad. L. 185, this office.

TINNER—Wanted, situation by a first-class tinner on assortment work at hardware and stove work. Best refs. Ad. F. 178, this office.

WATCHMAN—Wanted, position as watchman, inside or outside; experience. Address K. 1004 Pine st.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, position by young married man; experienced business man; has some money; invest; would buy a small business. Ad. F. G. Pile, Sebree, Mo.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, position of any kind by married man; references furnished. Ad. K. 187, this office.

YOUNG MAN—Wants work of any kind; well acquainted with city; good references. Ad. A. 174, this office.

YOUNG MAN—Wanted, position by young man of good education; can give good references and bond. Ad. A. 186, this office.

\$10.00 UP—Suits and overcoats to order. Mrs. Rita Tuller, Cor. 8th and Olive.

\$2.50 UP—Pants to order. Merritt Tuller, Cor. 8th and Olive.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

APRENTICE—Wanted—A young man to learn the barber trade. 2003 Market st.

BOY—Wanted—Smart, active boy not over 14; for fall, for standard traveling combination; good reference required. Ad. A. 186, this office.

BOYS' CLOTHING—Cut and made at moderate prices by first-class tailor; 1000 N. 25th st.

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DENTIST—Wanted—Must be good operator; \$15 a week to start with. Ad. E. 188, this office.

DISHWASHER—Wanted—By colored; \$10 weekly. 1000 N. 25th st.

FREE treatment for all private, blood and renal diseases. General Dispensary, 1000 N. 25th st.

LAWYER—Wanted—A young lawyer with reference. Mark A. Selzer, Spickard, Mo.

MEN—Wanted—For introducing a new great article; any man can do it. 2005 Morgan st.

MEN AND WOMEN—Wanted—Men and women out of employment and willing to work can learn of a permanent situation at good wages by writing at once to P. V. H., Box 258, Augusta, Me.

MEN—Wanted—Shoelers and teamsters on Pap and Blackstone ave.

MAN—Wanted—An experienced man to take care of horses, furnace and work around the house. 1126 Olive st.

NEW OPPORTUNITY—To learn the barber trade; everything thoroughly taught in 8 weeks by our system; tools and outfit included; money advanced; investigate; catalogue mailed free. Moler's Barber College, 621 N. 11th st.

VEGETABLE FEEDER—Wanted—Job press feeder. Benton & Co., 400 Locust st.

SALESMAN—Wanted—City salesman by company introducing new brand chewing gum; liberal terms to right man. Ad. P. 136, this office.

SOLICITORS—Wanted—For suits, trousers, overcoats. Call at Room 217, Mermont-Jacard Building, corner Broadway and Locust.

SALESMEN—Wanted—To sell to dealers; \$100 monthly and expense; experience unnecessary. Write for particulars. Acme Clear Co., Chicago.

SHOEMAKER—Wanted—Shoemaker for new work in a customer shop. 1308 North Market st.

TO TRADE—Wanted, to trade watches made to order for trade and private. Add. O. 136, this office.

TEAM—Wanted—At once, 50 teams to haul dirt. Apply at Deimer and Walton ave. Address 1000 N. 25th st.

TINNER—Wanted—At 1200 St. Charles st.

TO TRADE—Wanted, to trade watches made to order for trade and private. Add. O. 136, this office.

WANTED—AN IDEA—Who can think of some way to protect a patent? Protect your ideas; they belong to you. Write John H. M. M. Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for \$5.00 price and list of inventions wanted.

HELP WANTED—MALE.

WRITER—Wanted—To show or correct verses. Ad. E. 186, this office.

YOUNG MEN—Wanted—3 energetic young men; all winter's job at good pay. 1424 Franklin av.

YOUR winter shoe—handsome box-calf, Gypsy leather, self-laced, reliable, cork sole, extreme needle toe, \$2.40. Harris, 34 shoe man, 520 Pine st.

RUBICAM SHORTHAND COLLEGE.

701-23 Union Trust Building, 7th and Olive sts.; we qualify our graduates for the best paying positions; thorough course by mail.

STOVE REPAIRS.

Castings and repairs for stoves and ranges of every description. A. G. Brauer, 219 Locust st.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

BOOKKEEPER—Experienced lady stenographer and bookkeeper; thoroughly competent and reliable; desires employment; best refs. Ad. B. 188, this office.

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HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

HOUSEWIFE—Wanted—Girl for general housework; family of two. 4284 West 8th st.

LADY—Wanted—To learn stenography, bookkeeping, and shorthand; good references; salary no object. Ad. P. 136, this office.

LAUNDRESS—Wanted—One who needs a home; some other need apply. 1416 Washington av., between 4 and 5 o'clock.

STENOGRAPHER—Wanted, neat lady stenographer with machine; good penman, able to read and write and shorthand; simple, but rapid and accurate; good business education for new beginner. Simpson's Dramatic School, 12 S. 15th st.

TAILOR—Wanted—Good tailor on custom coats. Apply at 808 N. 7th st.

WOMAN—Wanted—White woman to do general housework who will go home at night. 674 Vandeventer av.

WOMAN—Wanted—To help in kitchen. 8006 Laclade av., one door west of saloon.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS WANTED—Good men make big money selling Economy gas burner. Room 304, 904 Olive.

HUSBANDS—Make \$2 a day; small capital required; no money; add. to name of "Rob" also give address. Add. to name of "Rob" also give address.

MANUFACTURERS WANTED—Everywhere, with small capital; article costs; sell at \$1; sell at every house; no money; or street at \$1; exclusive protection given. Add. P. 136, this office.

PARTNERS WANTED.

FLAT—Wanted, a gentleman to assist a lady in continuing a furnished flat. Add. K. 185, this office.

CANVASSERS.

CANVASSERS WANTED—Experienced lady canvassers; add. to name of "Rob" also give address. Add. to name of "Rob" also give address.

SOLICITOR WANTED—First-class man solicitor, one who has laundry route. Room 337, Washington Hotel.

LOST AND FOUND.

Lost. A small boy's collar and sweater, returned to Forest Park and Garrison av. Return to 2600 Dayton st. and get reward.

DOG—Lost or strayed, pointer dog, white and liver color; collar with "Rob" also give address. Add. to name of "Rob" also give address.

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J. C. BRANDT & CO., COR. BROADWAY
AND LUCKS AV. SEE OUR
XMAS
SLIPPERS.

CITY NEWS.

Mr. Scroopyan last evening, on beginning the sale of his extraordinary collection of Persian and Turkish Carpets at 555 Olive street, gave a short but very entertaining address on Oriental art in warp and wool. The attendance was large, but Mr. Leornor who is personally conducting the sale, says the prices realized were very moderate considering the superb character of the stock and the appearance of the audience.

The Implacable Enemy of Disease
is pure blood, in whose presence disease cannot exist. The ancient doctors took away bad blood by bleeding. We make pure blood by the use of **SILVER'S PEPTONIZED IRON AND MANGAN.**

Dr. E. C. Chase,
Sixth and Locust. Set of teeth, \$5.

DIERKEN'S MISDEEDS ARE BURIED NOW.

LOCKED DEEP IN THE BREAST OF
HIS FATHER CONFESSOR.

HE PAID CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Secretary of the Graham Paper Co.,
His Beneficiary Remembers Nothing
For or Against Him.

Whatever the misdeeds of August F. Dierken, for which in his will he directed restitution to be made, he carried the secret of them to his grave.

The peculiar provisions of Dierken's will, rather of the letter he left explaining it, was told in Monday's Post-Dispatch. The will was drawn Oct. 3, 1897. It directed a certain sum paid Father Hucklestein, or his successor as pastor of St. Augustine (Catholic) Church, for distribution as the priest had been directed by the testator.

On the same day Dierken wrote Father Hucklestein a letter in which he instructed, in addition to the payment of certain sums for masses and Catholic charities, that \$300 be paid August Kuhn, then a saloonkeeper at Tenth and Carroll streets, and \$100 to H. B. Graham & Bro., now the Graham Paper Company.

"Though Mr. Kuhn and H. B. Graham & Bro.," the letter explained, "may have been taken advantage of by me, I now hope for their forgiveness, inasmuch as I have often sought their advantage and prevented injury to their business."

Dierken died Aug. 5, 1896, after having confided his secret to the never-forgotten breast of his father confessor.

What the acts were that required the payment of conscience money will probably never be known. H. B. Graham & Bro. have long since changed their name and whatever the wrong done them by Dierken it has been long forgotten.

H. B. Graham, president of the company, is now in New York. H. B. Graham, the other of the brothers, and who was in business more familiar with the affairs of the company of 20 years ago than either of the two who are now in the city, is now treasurer of the concern.

"I remember Dierken faintly," said Cooper to a Post-Dispatch reporter, "and I am sure I have seen him many times since I last saw him and I am not a little about him. He was connected with us in some way from twenty to twenty-five years ago. He was in our company, but I cannot remember in what capacity. After he left, I think he was a peddling paper in the wagon. He probably made a success of it. As for how he ever took advantage of us, I have not the least idea and I am probably the only one in the company now who would remember him at all. I do not remember that the company ever had any trouble with him over money matters or anything else. He was a very good man for goods bought or something of that kind. If there were more of that kind of men, we should not have to charge so much to profit and loss as we do. I am sure I have seen him, and then forgetting all about it, as may have happened in Dierken's case."

A CHRISTMAS SYMPHONY.

No more splendid gift could go into a home than a self-playing orchestral "Symphony," upon which any one can play any music ever written, by the simple operation of the pedals and the "stopps" which govern the tempo and expression. Several styles, two to eight hundred dollars, including fifty selections of music from the catalogue of over twelve thousand subjects. The symphony company, exclusive agents, 231 North Seventh street, adjoining the Mercantile Club. Open evenings until 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Ashley Didn't.

Mrs. Anna Ashley says it is not true that she struck Charles Bange on the face as he left the courtroom Saturday. Ashley had a bill for alimony. Bange testified to Ashley's inability to pay alimony. She reported that she struck him in the face when she left the courtroom. Mrs. Ashley says that she did not see Bange except in the courtroom and did not have any trouble with him.

Hawthorne Bargain Day To-Morrow.

Molasses and Cream Taffies, 10c per pound.

Bar Association Meeting.

At the meeting of the St. Louis Bar Association Monday night, the Committee on proposed bills to make the assets of insolvent corporations a lien for the benefit of creditors and to prevent preferential treatment of stockholders, Judge E. C. Keith objected to the committee for referring the report to the committee for another report to the committee at a special meeting next Monday evening.

Big crowds will go to HILTY'S BIG SHOW SATURDAY, between 10 and 12. They will see all the beautiful life size dolls.

C. E. HILTY SHOW CO., Sixth and Locust.

TWO HOUSEKEEPERS FOR ONE WIDOWER.

RESULT WAS WRATH, TEARS,
BOARD BILLS AND A LAW SUIT.

PRETTY MISS ALLEN WINS.

Lawyer Pollock Is a Glutton for Punishment and Wants Some More of It.

Few men ever know when they have enough. Lawyer Marquis E. F. Pollock didn't.

He fell into trouble with his new housekeeper about eighteen months ago, owing to the unexpected return of his first housekeeper, and had to hire a lawyer.

He has been at law with the new housekeeper ever since, because he wasn't satisfied to let the matter go at the decision of a Justice of the Peace.

The Justice of the Peace was William P. Hanley, whose fortune it seems to be to get all these interesting cases. He gave the new housekeeper a judgment for \$12 and costs.

Lawyer Pollock thought the Circuit Court would do better by him, or perhaps thought to tire the housekeeper out. So he appealed the case.

That is where he made a mistake. The housekeeper did not get a little bit tired. On the contrary, she was in a little bit of a hurry to get the case on Monday just as bright and chipper as when the litigation began. The young woman is as pretty as any to be met in a long day's walk, and her name is Miss Pearl Allen.

Mr. Pollock was disappointed there, because he probably had not realized the pertinacity of a woman when aroused, or the Irish, as represented by Lawyer J. J. O'Donohoe, who was retained by the housekeeper to prosecute Mr. Pollock's case.

As if that were not enough, Judge Wood, looking at Miss Allen admiringly, after hearing the evidence, raised the judgment of the Justice of the Peace to \$25 and costs, besides the increased costs to be taxed against Mr. Pollock.

Miss Allen lives at 1210 St. Ange avenue. She used to live at 1623 North Leffingwell avenue. She spent three weeks at the residence of Mr. Pollock, but that was before the first housekeeper, like the cat, came back.

Miss Allen was boarding at 1623 North Leffingwell avenue, with Mrs. Cashmere, now in Chicago, when her acquaintance with Lawyer Pollock began. His regular housekeeper had deserted him. He advertised for a new one. Miss Allen answered the "ad" and immediately became the recipient of Mr. Pollock's attentions.

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GARRETT AND KERTH DIFFER.

Each Wants to Be Collector of St. Louis County.

Otto Kerth, Sheriff-elect of St. Louis County, filed a bond Monday for \$50,000 as ex-officio Collector. It was approved by the Circuit Court. This means that there will be a clash between Kerth and Sheriff Garrett as to the right to collect taxes from Jan. 1, 1899, to March 1, 1899.

The last Legislature passed an act separating the county offices of Sheriff and Collector, providing for an election of a Collector. The new Collector will take office March 1, and Garrett claims that he is entitled to serve as Collector until his term as Sheriff expires Jan. 1. Sheriff-elect Kerth holds that Garrett can act as Collector only as long as he is Sheriff. Issue will be joined in suits which Garrett will file.

**'CHANGE MEMBERS
DO BUSINESS.**

THE YEARLY DUES ARE RAISED
BY A CLOSE VOTE.

RIVER LEGISLATION ASKED.

There Were More New Members Admitted Than at Any Meeting Held in Several Years.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Merchants' Exchange Monday afternoon the question of raising the annual dues, which has been the subject of so much discussion lately, was settled by the board fixing the dues for the coming year at \$35, instead of \$30, as heretofore.

An Auditing Committee, consisting of Wm. G. Boyd, Wm. B. Dean, Monty G. Richmond and J. A. Jennelle, was appointed to examine the accounts of Secretary and Treasurer George H. Morgan.

The communication from the New York Produce Exchange requesting the Board to join in the movement to have the Mississippi River, and the Government Crop Report issued in the morning instead of in the afternoon, as at present, was read, but was not approved, as several members of the Board are of the opinion that the Report under the present system of collection does not do the river justice, but is an absolute injury to the interests it is intended to aid.

A resolution was passed instructing the Secretary to post in the Exchange Hall on Dec. 15 the names of all delinquent members, with a notice that if they do not pay their dues on or before Dec. 31 at 5 p. m. they will be expelled from the association.

The board decided to petition Congress for an immediate appropriation for the improvement of the crevasse in Pass a L'Ouvre, for the purpose of maintaining a channel through the jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

A committee was appointed by President Spencer some time ago to go to Washington to work in the interest of a bill to improve the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi, and consists of E. O. Starnard, H. C. Harshbarger and Jerome Hill.

Starnard and Harshbarger left for Washington Tuesday night, but Mr. Hill will be unable to go on account of important business engagements.

The report of the committee appointed to attend the convention of the various commercial bodies of the principal cities of the country, held at St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 1, was received and approved.

It states that "this convention decided to call a non-partisan convention to meet at Indianapolis Jan. 12, 1899, to be composed of representatives of the various commercial bodies of the principal cities of the country, and to consider the question of a bill to improve the channel at the mouth of the Mississippi River."

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THE CITY HAS LOST \$50,000.

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There is only a faint possibility of St. Louis ever recovering the thousands of dollars known to have been stolen from it by the "Associated Pipe Works." Even if the suit brought against the trust by the Tennessee authorities is successful, it is not certain that an attempt will be made to compel the trust to disgorge.

City Counselor Marshall says he may bring suit and he may not. The outcome of the suit is not known. It will depend upon what is brought out during the progress of the case.

Mr. Marshall was seen Monday afternoon at the St. Louis office of the law firm of James H. Rible of Tennessee who had thrown away his light on the St. Louis end of the case.

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